Single Learning Management Feasibility Task Force Completes Its Work:
Report Presentation on Friday, March 14 @ LA City College

About a year ago, the DE Stakeholders, under the aegis of the DAS, formed a task force to investigate whether it was feasible for the district to adopt a single learning management system (LMS). At least a part of the impetus for this came from requests by some board members to consider cost savings that might come from bundling nine colleges under a single LMS. Over the intervening months, the task force met to consider this question, researching various platforms in the rapidly shifting LMS environment, as well as conducting a number of surveys of faculty and students.

The Academic Senate DE Stakeholders' Single LMS Feasibility Task Force has completed its work and will report on its findings this Friday, March 14, 2014 at Los Angeles City College in the new Student Union on the 3rd floor from 10:00 AM to noon. All interested faculty, students, classified staff and administrators are invited to attend. No decisions will be made or announced, but some consideration of possible next steps may be discussed.

However, any next steps in the near term would very likely need to consider the OEI (Open Education Infrastructure) project just under way at the state level, a special statewide DE initiative that will include its own Learning Management System. If, as promised, the OEI is offered free to all community colleges in California, the attractiveness of a no-fee system might surpass other considerations and render moot any search into a single district LMS. Given that the OEI completion would roughly coincide with the beginning of the first district-wide ACCJC accreditation in 2016, the timing is also problematic given what we know at present.

All are welcome to review the work of the task force as its work draws to a conclusion.

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